



FILING FEE OR PETITION IN LIEU OF FILING FEE

The City of Cedar Park voters authorized the implementation of a \$50 filing fee or a Petition In Lieu Of A Filing Fee for all candidates. All Applications For A Place On The Ballot **must** be accompanied by a \$50 filing fee or a Petition In Lieu Of Filing Fee.

The Petition must be signed by the greater value of twenty five qualified voters residing in the City (or) one half of one percent of the total votes received by **all** candidates for the last mayoral election. Each signer of the petition shall give their date of birth, date of signing, printed name and address of their place of residence. The petition must be validated by the Office of the City Secretary. *Texas Election Code §143.005 (d)*.

Texas Election Code Chapter 141 Candidacy For Public Office Generally, Sections 141.061 – 141.069, provides additional information pertaining to the petition. Candidates interested in using the Petition In Lieu Of Filing Fee are encouraged to review this statute. The recommended form is provided by the Secretary of State (Form AW2-16). This form is available on the Secretary of State's website or the City Secretary's Office.

2018 Petition Requirements.

Signatures needed will be **twenty five (25)**.

This is the greater value of the one half of one percent total votes in the last mayoral election. May 2016: 2390 total mayoral votes (12 signatures)

TEXAS ELECTION CODE
CHAPTER 141 CANDIDACY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE GENERALLY
(REDACTED VERSION)

Sec. 141.061. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter applies to each petition filed in connection with a candidate's application for a place on the ballot.

Sec. 141.062. VALIDITY OF PETITION. (a) To be valid, a petition must:

- (1) be timely filed with the appropriate authority;
- (2) contain valid signatures in the number required by this code; and
- (3) comply with any other applicable requirements for validity prescribed by this code.

(b) A petition may consist of multiple parts.

Sec. 141.063. VALIDITY OF SIGNATURE. (a) A signature on a petition is valid if:

(1) except as otherwise provided by this code, the signer, at the time of signing, is a registered voter of the territory from which the office sought is elected or has been issued a registration certificate for a registration that will become effective in that territory on or before the date of the applicable election;

(2) the petition includes the following information with respect to each signer:

- (A) the signer's residence address;
- (B) the signer's date of birth or the signer's voter registration number and, if the territory from which signatures must be obtained is situated in more than one county, the county of registration;
- (C) the date of signing; and
- (D) the signer's printed name;

(3) the part of the petition in which the signature appears contains the affidavit required by Section 141.065;

(4) each statement that is required by this code to appear on each page of the petition appears, at the time of signing, on the page on which the signature is entered; and

(5) any other applicable requirements prescribed by this code for a signature's validity are complied with.

(b) The signature is the only information that is required to appear on the petition in the signer's own handwriting.

(c) The use of ditto marks or abbreviations does not invalidate a signature if the required information is reasonably ascertainable.

(d) The omission of the state from the signer's residence address does not invalidate a signature unless the political subdivision from which the signature is obtained is situated in more than one state. The omission of the zip code from the address does not invalidate a signature.

Sec. 141.064. METHOD OF ACQUIRING SIGNATURE. A person circulating a petition must:

(1) before permitting a person to sign, point out and read to the person each statement pertaining to the signer that appears on the petition;

(2) witness each signature;

(3) ascertain that each date of signing is correct;

and

(4) before the petition is filed, verify each signer's registration status and ascertain that each registration number entered on the petition is correct.

Sec. 141.065. AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR. (a) Each part of a petition must include an affidavit of the person who circulated it stating that the person:

(1) pointed out and read to each signer, before the petition was signed, each statement pertaining to the signer that appears on the petition;

(2) witnessed each signature;

(3) verified each signer's registration status; and

(4) believes each signature to be genuine and the corresponding information to be correct.

(b) If a petition contains an affidavit that complies with Subsection (a), for the purpose of determining whether the petition contains a sufficient number of valid signatures, the authority with whom the candidate's application is filed may

treat as valid each signature to which the affidavit applies, without further verification, unless proven otherwise.

Sec. 141.066. SIGNING MORE THAN ONE PETITION PROHIBITED. (a) **A person may not sign the petition of more than one candidate for the same office in the same election.**

(b) The following statement must appear at the top of each page of a petition: "Signing the petition of more than one candidate for the same office in the same election is prohibited."

(c) A signature on a candidate's petition is invalid if the signer signed the petition subsequent to signing a petition of another candidate for the same office in the same election.

Sec. 141.067. WITHDRAWAL OF SIGNATURE. (a) A signature may be withdrawn from a petition as provided by this section.

(b) To withdraw a signature, the signer must request that the signer's signature be withdrawn.

(c) To be effective, a withdrawal request must:

(1) be in writing and be signed and acknowledged by the signer of the petition; and

(2) be filed with the authority with whom the petition is required to be filed not later than the date the petition is received by the authority or the seventh day before the petition filing deadline, whichever is earlier.

(d) A withdrawal request filed by mail is considered to be filed at the time of its receipt by the appropriate authority.

(e) The signer must deliver a copy of the withdrawal request to the candidate when the request is filed.

(f) The filing of an effective withdrawal request nullifies the signature on the petition and places the signer in the same position as if the signer had not signed the petition.

(g) If the withdrawal of a signature reduces the number of signatures on the petition below the prescribed minimum for the petition to be valid, the authority with whom the request is filed shall notify the candidate immediately by telephone, telegram, or an equally or more expeditious method of the number of withdrawn signatures. Before the third day after the date the candidate receives the notice, the candidate's petition may be

supplemented with signatures equal in number to the number of signatures withdrawn.

Sec. 141.068. DUTY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY TO VERIFY SIGNATURES. (a) On request of the secretary of state, a voter registrar shall verify the voter registration status of a signer of a petition filed with the secretary who the petition indicates is registered or has been accepted for registration in the county served by the registrar.

(b) On request of the secretary of state, a county clerk shall ascertain from the records in the clerk's custody whether a signer of a petition filed with the secretary is shown to have voted in a particular election.

Sec. 141.069. VERIFYING SIGNATURES BY STATISTICAL SAMPLE. If signatures on a petition that is required to contain more than 1,000 signatures are to be verified by the authority with whom the candidate's application is required to be filed, the authority may use as the basis for the verification any reasonable statistical sampling method that ensures an accuracy rate of at least 95 percent.

PETITION FOR A PLACE ON THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
(PETICIÓN PARA QUE SU NOMBRE ESTE PUESTO EN LA BOLETA DE LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL DE LA CIUDAD)

Name of Circulator _____ Page ____ of ____

Signing the petition of more than one candidate for the same office in the same election is prohibited.
(Se prohíbe firmar la petición de más de un candidato para el mismo puesto oficial en la misma elección.)

COMPLETE ALL BLANKS. (LLENE TODOS LOS ESPACIOS EN BLANCO.)

You are hereby requested to place the name indicated below on the ballot for the next general election for the City of _____ for the office indicated.
(Por la presente se le solicita que el nombre del individuo indicado abajo esté puesto en la boleta para la próxima elección general de la Ciudad de _____ para el puesto oficial indicado.)

Name (Nombre) ¹	Address (Dirección)	Office sought (Puesto oficial solicitado) ²
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Date Signed (Fecha de Firma)	Signature (Firma)	Printed Name (Nombre en letra de molde)	Street Address (Including City, Texas, Zip) (Dirección de Residencia (Incluye Ciudad, Estado, Código Postal))	County (Condado)	Voter VUID Number ³ (Núm. de VUID de Votante)	Date of Birth ³ (Fecha de Nacimiento)

AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR (DECLARACION JURADA DE LA PERSONA QUE HACE CIRCULAR LA PETICION)

STATE OF TEXAS (ESTADO DE TEJAS) COUNTY OF (CONDADO DE) _____ BEFORE ME, the undersigned, on this ____/____/____ (date) personally appeared (ANTE MI, el/la suscrito(a), en este (fecha) compareció) _____, (name of person who circulated petition) – (nombre de la persona que hizo circular la petición) who being duly sworn, deposes and says: "I called each signer's attention to the above statements and read them to the signer before the signer affixed their signature to the petition. I witnessed the affixing of each signature. The correct date of signing is shown on the petition. I verified each signer's registration status and believe that each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name is signed and that the corresponding information for each signer is correct." (quien, habiendo prestado el juramento correspondiente, declaró y dijo: "Llamé la atención de cada firmante sobre la declaración citada y se la leí antes de que la suscribiera. Atestigué cada firma, y la fecha correcta de las firmas consta en la petición. Verifiqué la situación de cada firmante en lo concerniente a su inscripción y creo que cada firma es la auténtica de la persona cuyo nombre aparece firmado y que son exactos los datos correspondientes a cada firmante.") SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS DATE (JURADO Y SUSCRITO ANTE MI, CON ESTA FECHA)

(SEAL)

X _____ X _____ X _____
Signature of circulator (Firma de la persona que hizo circular la petición) Signature of officer administering oath (Firma del/la funcionario(a) que le tomó juramento) Title of officer administering oath (Título oficial del/la funcionario(a) que le tomó juramento)

INSTRUCTIONS AND FOOTNOTES ON BACK (AL DORSO: INSTRUCCIONES Y ANOTACIONES)

INSTRUCTIONS (Petition in City Election)

The petition shall be filed with the same officer with whom an application for a place on the ballot for the office being sought is to be filed and must be filed at the same time as such application.

The petition may consist of several parts, and each part may consist of several pages. The statement in the box at the head of the page must appear at the head of each page of signatures. The affidavit at the bottom of the page must accompany each part but is not required for each page of signatures.

The person or persons who circulate the petition must be administered the affidavit by the proper officer.

INSTRUCCIONES: (Petición para elección de la ciudad)

Esta petición deberá presentarse ante el mismo oficial a quien se solicite inscripción el la boleta para el puesto que se busca y al mismo tiempo que la solicitud correspondiente.

La petición puede estar dividida en diversas secciones y cada sección a su vez puede constar de varias páginas. La declaración que está en el cuadro que encabeza el formulario deberá aparecer al principio de cada hoja que contenga firmas. La declaración jurada que aparece al pie del formulario deberá incluirse con cada sección de la petición; no se exige que aparezca en cada página de firmas.

La(s) persona(s) que haga(n) circular la petición deberá(n) firmar la declaración jurada ante el oficial correspondiente.

¹ Insert Candidate's name.

² Insert office title, including any place number or other distinguishing number.

³ Either the voter registration certificate number or the date of birth is required.

⁴ All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary, and the Secretary of State of Texas. FOOTNOTES

ANOTACIONES

¹ Indicar el nombre del candidate.

² Indicar el cargo oficial e incluir el número de su lugar en la boleta o cualquier otro número distintivo.

³ Su número de certificado de registro de votante o su fecha de nacimiento es necesario.

⁴ Todo juramento, testimonio o afirmación hecho dentro de este Estado se podrá administrar y se podrá dar un certificado del hecho por un juez, escribano, o comisionado de alguna corte de registro, un notario público, un juez de paz, secretario de la ciudad, y el Secretario del Estado de Texas.